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SUBJECT: FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL WILL VISIT WASHINGTON

1. CONSELHEIRO ERNESTO ALBERTO FERREIRA DE CARVALHO, CHIEF, BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION, FOREIGN OFFICE, WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON AND HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. HE WILL BE ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 16 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS ON NOVEMBER 19. HE IS PREPARED TO STAY AN ADDITIONAL DAY IF NECESSARY. PROGRAM DEVELOPED FOR HIM SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS CARVALHO WISHES TO DISCUSS ARE WHEAT AND THE FOOD CONFERENCE, SHRIMP, COFFEE AND SUGAR. HE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING BRIEFED ON US VIEWS CONCERNING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FOOD CONFERENCE AND OUR ESTIMATES OF THE WORLD SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR GRAINS.

3. ON SHRIMP CARVALHO STATED THAT IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE A SUCCESSOR ARRANGEMENT SINCE THE PRESENT DEAL EXPIRES AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THE MAJOR PROBLEM, AS HE DESCRIBES IT, IS THE FAILURE OF THE USG TO DATE TO PASS THE NECESSARY IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION AND TO MAKE THE MONETARY PAYMENTS THAT ARE DUE.

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4. WITH REFERENCE TO COFFEE, CARVALHO WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INFORMED AT FIRST HAND ABOUT US VIEWS ON A FUTURE AGREEMENT. ON SUGAR HIS PRIMARY INTERESTS ARE US LEGISLATION AND THE ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS.

5. CARVALHO HAS BEEN A VERY USEFUL CONTACT FOR THE EMBASSY. HE IS FRIENDLY TO THE US, KNOWLEDGEABLE IN HIS WORK AND FRANK IN HIS DISCUSSIONS OF PROBLEMS. WE BELIEVE HIS VISIT PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES NOTED ABOVE WITH A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHO HAS MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES IN DEVELOPING POLICY. EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT TO ARRANGE A SUITABLE SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS.
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